

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
J. Dean COLE § Group Art Unit: 3733  
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Serial No. 10/799,179 §  
§ Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha  
Filed: March 12, 2004 §  
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For: PERCUTANEOUS FIXATOR  
AND METHOD OF INSERTION § Confirmation No. 8156  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**I. Introductory Remarks**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed April 18, 2008.

No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including extension of time fees, are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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